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## Man Sentenced to Prison for 1993 El Monte Killing

A 55-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years in state prison for fatally shooting another during a party nearly 24 years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 22, a jury found Angel Barraza guilty of voluntary manslaughter in case KA019275. Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally used a firearm during the commission of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Ross Alari, who prosecuted the case, said on Sept. 4, 1993, Barraza and victim Robert Delgado-Diaz, 38, attended a baptismal party in El Monte.

During the event, a confrontation ensued between the two men and Barraza shot Delgado-Diaz in the neck and chest, according to the prosecutor.

After the shooting, Delgado-Diaz was taken to the hospital where he later died, the prosecutor said. A case was filed for warrant on Sept. 13, 1993, however Barraza had fled to Mexico, the prosecutor added.

In 2015, Barraza attempted to re-enter the United States through Texas, but was ultimately detained and returned to Los Angeles County to face prosecution for the killing, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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